

**RESOLUTION 50 - 05A**

**Title:** Impact of Certificate of Need (CON) on Renewal of Open Heart Programs

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**Referred to:** Reference Committee A

**House Action:** Substitute Resolution (in lieu of Resolutions 12-05A and 50-05A) See Resolution 12-05A.

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**Whereas, the criteria for continuation of a certificate of need (CON) for open heart programs are currently based on arbitrary data, and**

**Whereas, the literature on which those data are based have been updated, and**

**Whereas, the CON depends heavily on the numbers of the coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) procedures, which is only one aspect of an open heart program for a community, and**

**Whereas, quality of medical care in smaller communities with open heart programs would suffer from a ripple effect if existing CON's were not renewed; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That the criteria for the continuation of a certificate of need (CON) for open heart programs should be based on more objective outcome data, taking into account the quality of the program and the need of the community.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**